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**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA
ROME DIVISION**

**IN RE: TRI-STATE
CREMATORY LITIGATION : MDL DOCKET NO. 1467**
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MOTION TO SUBSTITUTE SUPPORTING AFFIDAVIT

Come Now Dean Lay d/b/a Cumberland Funeral Home, Cumberland Funeral Services, Inc., Cumberland Funeral Home-Tracey City, Foster & Lay Funeral Home and Bob Foster, f/d/b/a Foster & Son (hereinafter Defendants Lay and Foster), named Funeral Home Defendants in the above-styled action, and hereby files this their Motion to Substitute the previously filed affidavit of Dean Lay for the original affidavit of Mr. Lay that is attached hereto as Exhibit A. These Defendants previously filed a photocopy of Mr. Lay's affidavit as Exhibit B to their Motion for Summary Judgment. These Defendants now seek to substitute that photocopied affidavit with Mr. Lay's original affidavit. These Defendants affirmatively state that the affidavits are identical, with the exception that the previously filed affidavit is a photocopy of the original.

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Therefore, these Defendants respectfully request that this Court grant its Motion and enter the attached consent order allowing it to substitute the previously filed affidavit of Dean Lay.

Respectfully submitted this 20th day of October, 2003.

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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
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IN RE: TRI-STATE CREMATORY
LITIGATION

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This Order relates to:

ALL CASES

AFFIDAVIT OF DEAN LAY

STATE OF TENNESSEE

COUNTY OF GRUNDY

PERSONALLY APPEARED before the undersigned attesting officer duly authorized by law to administer oaths in this state DEAN LAY who, after being duly sworn, deposes and says under oath as follows:

1.

My name is Dean Lay. I have been licensed as a funeral director for approximately 25 years. When my father died in 1975, I took over his business of Cumberland Funeral Home. Our main office is in Monteagle, Tennessee. In the past we had a branch office in Tracy City, Tennessee and a branch office in Altamont, Tennessee. At all times material hereto, Cumberland Funeral Home has been a sole proprietorship, which I own. I graduated from Mortuary School in Atlanta in approximately 1975 and thereafter immediately went to work at Cumberland Funeral Home.

2.

Between 1989 and 1994, I visited Tri-State Crematory a number of times to deliver bodies. However, some time after October 24, 1994, I stopped using Tri-State purely for logistical reasons and began using a crematory which was closer. That decision had

nothing to do with any problem or dissatisfaction with Tri-State. I never visited Tri-State Crematory after October 24, 1994 for any reason until I heard about the situation which had occurred some time in February, 2002. I never met Brent Marsh. I dealt only with Ray Marsh or his daughter, Lashay, when I visited Tri-State between March 20, 1989 and October 24, 1994.

3.

Prior to February, 2002 I was unaware of any fact which would have put me on notice of the alleged situation at Tri-State or any of the alleged conduct at Tri-State as claimed in this lawsuit.

4.

Prior to February, 2002, no one nor anything put me on notice of the alleged situation at Tri-State or any of the alleged conduct at Tri-State as claimed in this lawsuit.

5.

I had no knowledge that Tri-State was, might or could commit any act or engage in any activity as alleged in this lawsuit.

6.

Neither I nor any of my employees controlled or had the right to control the time, manner or method of the operation of the Tri-State Crematory or any act of any of its owners, or employees, including, but not limited to, Brent Marsh, Ray Marsh or any member of the Marsh family.

7.

I have worked as a funeral director in a small town my entire adult life. My business depends in large part on its and my reputation. I did not nor would I ever intentionally or knowingly

subject any of my customers, including any members of the Plaintiffs' class, to the circumstances complained of in the lawsuit. I certainly did not knowingly or intentionally inflict emotional distress on any member of the Plaintiffs' class. Nor have I at any time interfered or mishandled remains, or ratified or condoned any such conduct. I certainly have not nor would I intentionally, willfully or knowingly do so.

8.

I have not breached any agreement or contract with any member of the Plaintiffs' class. If a body is found, we will willingly see that it is cremated. Of course, if the body is not found, it would be impossible to cremate it.

9.

I have conducted a thorough search of my records. To the best of my knowledge, information and belief, the following is a list of the persons sent to Tri-State Crematory by Cumberland Funeral Home between January 1, 1995 and April 1, 2001, along with their dates of death. The bodies would have been sent to Tri-State no more than a week after the dates of death listed thereon.

<u>Deceased</u>	<u>Date of Death</u>
Gipson, Mattie	9/1/01
Currier, Ralph Frances	8/26/01
Yinger, Donald Richard	8/27/01
Soukup, Clara H.	7/17/01
Wallace, Jack	10/24/94
Irice, Sandra Diane	10/24/94
Morgan, John	9/23/94

Meeks, Louise Adams	9/14/94
Downes, Francis	7/18/94
Adams, Robert	3/2/94
King, Della Lee	4/18/92
Winters, Bette Lou	3/26/92
Carlson, John Howard	3/25/92
Daly, Lavern E.	3/8/92
Westerfield, Johnny	10/1/91
Jordan, James L.	6/3/91
Evans, John Ernest	4/5/91
Smith, Carl S.	7/28/90
Petty, James Mitchell	2/18/90
Clements, Paul Raymond	2/3/90
Kuhn, Marion Louise Cray	1/11/90
Hill, Jane	10/4/89
Gaston, Helen Libby	3/20/89

10.

The facts recited herein are within my own personal knowledge and are given in support of the Motion for Summary Judgment filed on my behalf in the above-referenced matter, and for any and all other reasons set forth herein.


DEAN LAY

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME,
this 14 day of October, 2003.

John R. Richards
NOTARY PUBLIC
My commission expires: 02/03/07

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that I have this day served counsel for all parties with a copy of the within and foregoing **Dean Lay d/b/a Cumberland Funeral Home, Cumberland Funeral Services, Inc., Cumberland Funeral Home-Tracey City, Foster & Lay Funeral Home and Bob Foster, f/d/b/a Foster & Son** by causing a copy of same to be placed in first class U.S. mail with adequate postage affixed thereto and addressed as follows:

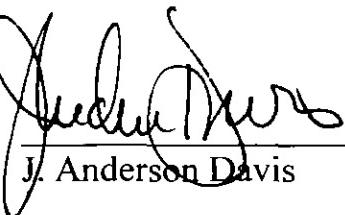
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This 20th day of October, 2003.



J. Anderson Davis